

Whereas in January 1997, reproductive health services clinics in Atlanta, Georgia and Tulsa, Oklahoma were bombed, resulting in several injuries;

Whereas in December 1994, 2 workers at a reproductive health services clinic were murdered and 5 others injured in an assault in Brookline, Massachusetts;

Whereas in July 1994, an abortion provider and his security escort were murdered in Pensacola, Florida;

Whereas in March 1993, a doctor providing abortion services was shot and killed in Pensacola, Florida;

Whereas Congress passed and the President signed the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act of 1994, a law establishing Federal criminal penalties and civil remedies for certain violent, threatening, obstructive, and destructive conduct that is intended to injure, intimidate, or interfere with persons seeking to obtain or provide reproductive health services, and for intentionally damaging or destroying, or attempting to damage or destroy, the property of a clinic because the clinic provides reproductive health services;

Whereas violence is not a mode of free speech, is not entitled to constitutional protection, and should not be condoned as a method of expressing an opinion; and

Whereas on January 2, 1995, the President instructed the Attorney General to direct—

(1) the United States Attorneys to create task forces of Federal, State, and local law enforcement officials to develop plans to address security for reproductive health services clinics located within their jurisdictions; and

(2) the United States Marshals Service to ensure coordination between reproductive health services clinics and Federal, State, and local law enforcement officials regarding potential threats of violence: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE.

It is the sense of the Senate that the Attorney General should—

(1) fully enforce the law and protect from violent attack persons seeking to provide or obtain, or assist in providing or obtaining, reproductive health services; and

(2) allocate the resources needed to accomplish the mission of the Department of Justice, including the protection of reproductive health services clinics, as described in the instruction of the President on January 2, 1995.

SEC. 2. EXPRESSIVE CONDUCT.

Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to prohibit any expressive conduct (including peaceful picketing or other peaceful demonstration) protected from legal prohibition by the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise to submit a resolution condemning last week's tragic bombing of a reproductive health services clinic in Birmingham, Alabama. This vicious and unprovoked attack killed a police officer and critically injured a clinic worker.

Last week's attack was the first clinic bombing in the United States to cause a fatality, but unfortunately, it was far from the first bombing. In recent years, reproductive health services clinics have been the targets of an unprecedented terror campaign. Last year alone, clinics in Atlanta, Georgia and Tulsa, Oklahoma were bombed, resulting in many serious injuries.

This reign of terror began with the murder of Dr. David Gunn in Pensa-

cola, Florida in 1993. A second abortion provider and his security guard were shot and killed the following year in Florida. And on the bloodiest day of the anti-choice terror campaign, two clinic workers were killed and five injured in vicious, cold-blooded shootings in Brookline, Massachusetts.

All told, over 1,800 violent attacks have been reported at reproductive health services clinics in recent years. I hope my colleagues are aware that the attacks and the level of violence in those attacks are increasing every year.

Reproductive choice is a contentious issue. I know that many of my colleagues feel very strongly that abortion should be outlawed in America, and although I strongly disagree, I respect their views and I hope they respect mine. But this resolution is not about choice; it is about violence. I know that not a single one of my colleagues believes that murder, bombing, terror and acts of intimidation are appropriate ways to express political views.

These bombings are a part of a terrorist campaign—a campaign designed to destroy a woman's right to choose through violence. The United States Senate must condemn these attacks as strongly and unequivocally as we condemn other acts of terrorism—both here and around the world.

In addition to condemning the attack, this resolution expresses the Sense of the Senate that the Attorney General should fully enforce existing laws to protect the rights of American women seeking care at reproductive health services clinics.

I am proud to be joined in this effort by a distinguished, bipartisan group of Senators. I hope the Senate can move quickly on this resolution and pass it as early as today.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 5, 1998, in open session, to receive testimony on the defense authorization request for fiscal year 1999 and the future years defense program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Thursday, February 5, 1998 beginning at 10 a.m. in room 215 Dirksen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to con-

duct a business meeting to consider the nominations of Donald J. Barry, nominated by the President to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior, and Sallyanne Harper, nominated by the President to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, Thursday, February 5, immediately following the first Senate vote in the President's room (S-216).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

WILLIAM T. FRAIN JR., GREATER MANCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate William T. Frain Jr., a distinguished individual, for being named Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year for 1997. I commend his consistent drive and aggressive encouragement to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens.

William has held many officer roles as well as been a member of many organizations. To name a few, he has been involved in the Board of Directors of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, New Hampshire Business Committee for the Arts, and New Hampshire Better Business Bureau. He also devotes a great deal of time to civic and charitable endeavors including the Eastern Seal Society, Junior Achievement, The Humanities Council and Bishop of Manchester's Summer Reception Fund Committee. These are just a few organizations with which he has spent countless hours and dedicated service. This impressive list goes on and he should be very proud of these contributions.

William has enthusiastically worked with more than twenty organizations, countless residents and employees, and developed a considerable portfolio of citizenship. Four words come to mind that best represent what William is trying to strengthen: community, teamwork, partnership, and development. These are terms that bind all Americans together and strengthen the unity of this great country.

These words best exhibit the tools he employs to bring about positive change and as a leader, encouraging others to rise to the calling of citizenship. Yet, William is not just a great citizen, but a defender of companionship and a visionary of better communities.

William's commitment to each organization he represents is extremely solid and substantial. He gives it his all and inspires others to follow his lead. His actions and beliefs have become a catalyst for significant change resulting in profound achievements. Mr. President, I want to congratulate William for his outstanding work and I am proud to represent him in the U.S. Senate. ●